## SUCCESS STORY Innovation Is In Our Nature

## COWLITZ COUNTY SUMMIT EDUCATES YOUTH ON THE DANGERS OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE



"Hand-in-Hand  $\sim$  Let's Take A Stand" in October 2010 was a huge success. The  $7^{th}$  annual event was sponsored by The Cowlitz Meth Action Team & Cowlitz Substance Abuse Coalition, in collaboration with multiple agencies and individuals. The event provided 201  $7^{th}$  and  $8^{th}$  graders from both Cowlitz and Wahkiakum Counties with prevention education on tobacco, drugs, alcohol, teen dating violence, depression and youth suicide, bullying, prescription drugs, self-esteem, and caring about someone with a substance abuse issue.

The day was full of education on prevention and healthy choices along with a lot of fun. 55 adult and youth volunteers helped make the day run smoothly and keep the youth engaged while they sat through breakout sessions and visited community information booths. The event was made possible by the many community volunteers, Altrusa, Toutle Lake Prevention Club and the Longview First Baptist Church.



"I loved going. It was a fantastic experience, the food was great and the sessions were very entertaining, especially Mike Miller. I would love to do this again!"

Quote from student

